



VANCOUVER
CANADA August 9th–11th





VICTORIES in VANCOUVER

The Pokémon World Championships 2013, held in Vancouver, Canada, brought players and fans flocking from more far-flung corners of the globe than ever before. From Chile, Indonesia, Australia, Slovakia, Norway, and many more countries they came. From 33 nations, hundreds of players, with a single shared goal: to take their places in the storied history of the game. To become a Pokémon World Champion!

Of course, with over 600 players competing in the Last Chance Qualifier and over 450 in the World Championships, that would be no easy task! And, as one grizzled veteran of many a World Championships mentioned on the first morning, "I can't believe I'm back here...every year it's bigger, every year everyone is better, it just gets harder and harder to make it here!" So, to all competitors: we salute your efforts!

However, the Pokémon World Championships are not just about competing for those magnificent titles! No, they're also about meeting other Pokémon fans, players, and families, and taking part in the many activities, side events, and Leagues that seem to spill from every free spot at the event. This year, over 2,000 players took part in Pokémon Trading Card Game side

events, and 1,250 in Pokémon video game side events. 500 players played in eight different Prerelease events, and no less than 1,200 players took part in League play over Worlds weekend. What an amazing turnout!

In short, the Pokémon World Championships are a huge, wonderful affair—but it's you, the fans and players from all over the world, who make it as great as it is!

So, after another fantastic Worlds weekend, we're looking forward to seeing you all in Washington, DC, for the 2014 Pokémon World Championships! We can't wait to see what the future holds!



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CHAMPIONS EXALTED!

With each successive victory, the world's best Pokémon TCG players moved a little closer to the title that had them battling all the way to Vancouver, Canada: Pokémon TCG World Champion!

Beginning late on Saturday, August 10th, and continuing throughout Sunday, August 11th, the 24 best Pokémon TCG players, eight in each age division, faced off against one another. In the heat of battle, eight became four, and then four became two. And two finally became one: a Pokémon TCG World Champion.

Each of the three age-division brackets lists the two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and four on the far right) that led to the Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place standing.

JUNIOR Finals Brackets



ONDREJ KUJAL

WORLD CHAMPION

YUGO SATO

SECOND PLACE

ABAAN AHMED

THIRD PLACE

SAMUEL BATTIS

FOURTH PLACE



SENIOR Finals Brackets

**KAIWEN
CABBABE**

WORLD CHAMPION

**CLEMENT
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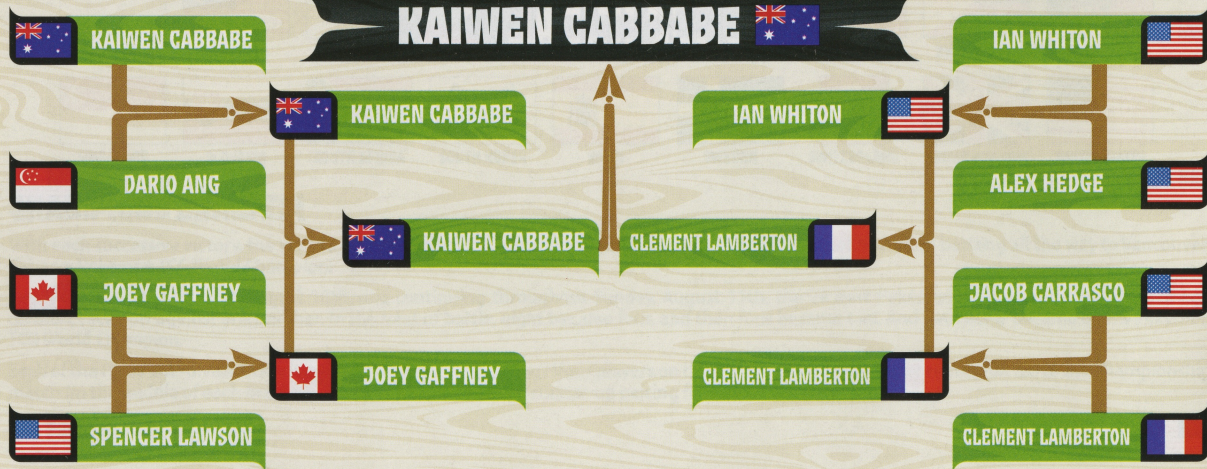
SECOND PLACE

**IAN
WHITON**

THIRD PLACE

**JOEY
GAFFNEY**

FOURTH PLACE



MASTERS

Finals Brackets



**JASON
KLACZYNSKI**

WORLD CHAMPION

**SIMON
NARODE**

SECOND PLACE

**JAMES
GOOD**

THIRD PLACE

**DUSTIN
ZIMMERMAN**

FOURTH PLACE



TAKUYA YONEDA



JAMES GOOD



JAMES GOOD



JOHNNY RABUS



SIMON NARODE



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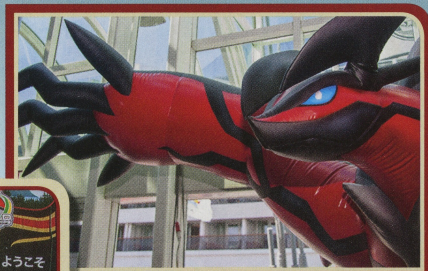


JASON KLACZYNSKI





Competitor Welcome Kit





ONDREJ KUJAL

JUNIOR DIVISION

WORLD CHAMPION

AGE: 11

COUNTRY: Czech Republic

DECK: Darkrai

INTERESTING FACT: Plays table-tennis in his spare time!

Despite his youth, Ondrej approached the World Championships with all the single-minded calculation of a grizzled veteran: "My Gym Leader and I built both versions of the current Darkrai decks and tested them against all the opposition I expected to face. We started adjusting things based on those results." Since he raised his hand in class 3 years ago and found that he'd joined a Pokémon League, it's that focus that has helped Ondrej climb all the way to the top of the Pokémon world. Today, though, is about victory and thanks, "I'd like to say many thanks to the players, to the people who support me, and to Tomas Gust, who I know as Big Ben. He's my Gym Leader."

DARKRAI

Darkrai-EX DEX-63 x 3

Absol PLF-67 x 2

Sableye DEX-62 x 2

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 2

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 4

Skyla BCR-134 x 2

Bianca EPO-90 x 1

Random Receiver DEX-99 x 1

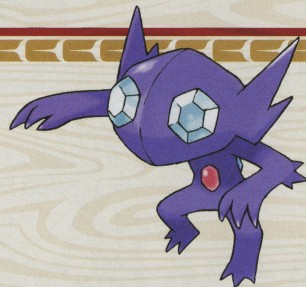
Bicycle PLS-117 x 2

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 4

Dark Patch DEX-93 x 4

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3



Energy Switch BLW-94 x 3

Max Potion EPO-94 x 2

Dark Claw DEX-92 x 2

Energy Search BCR-128 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 2

Darkness Energy x 11



YUGO SATO

JUNIOR DIVISION

SECOND PLACE

AGE: 9

COUNTRY: Japan

DECK: Ultimate Team Plasma

INTERESTING FACT: His whole family plays the TCG together.

For Yugo Sato, Worlds brought some special surprises away from the competition itself. "I was very happy that I could buy a lot of Worlds exclusives like deck cases! You can't get these things in Japan, so I was really excited." And that was something that took his mind off more pressing issues: "I was really nervous because I didn't want to be matched up with any of the other Juniors I came from Japan with." Not that you'd ever know he was nervous, of course, because 4 years of playing the Pokémon TCG with his mom has taught him something important: "I'm very careful to keep a poker face when I'm playing. Never show what you're thinking!"

ULTIMATE TEAM PLASMA

Kyurem PLF-31 x 4

Deoxys-EX PLF-53 x 4

Thundurus-EX PLF-38 x 2

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 4

Skyla BCR-134 x 3

Colress PLS-118 x 2

Bianca EPO-90 x 1

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

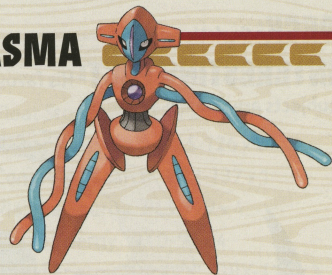
Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 4

Colress Machine PLS-119 x 3

Team Plasma Ball PLF-105 x 2

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 1

Switch BCR-135 x 3



Float Stone PLF-99 x 2

Energy Search BCR-128 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 2

Plasma Energy PLS-127 x 4

Prism Energy NXD-93 x 4

Water Energy x 3

Lightning Energy x 2



ABAAN AHMED

JUNIOR DIVISION

THIRD PLACE

AGE: 10

COUNTRY: United States

DECK: Dark Hammers!

INTERESTING FACT: His favorite school subjects are science and math.



Abaan Ahmed has no doubt as to what he'll remember most from Vancouver 2013: it has to be "meeting all the different players from all over the world!" And, as he points out, "it's the World Championships—*everything* is exciting!" He admits to nerves along with the excitement: after all, just three years ago he was a fan of the Pokémon animation who happened to buy a single theme deck, and now he's competing against the best in the world. And how does he cope? "I try to stay calm and focused. I like to think others view me as a friendly competitor."

DARK HAMMERS!

Absol PLF-67 x 2

Darkrai-EX DEX-63 x 3

Sableye DEX-62 x 3

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 2

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Dark Patch DEX-93 x 4

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

Enhanced Hammer DEX-94 x 3

Dark Claw DEX-92 x 2

Random Receiver DEX-99 x 1

N DEX-96 x 3

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

Bianca EPO-90 x 1

Skyla BCR-134 x 1

Ghetsis PLF-101 x 2

Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 4

Frozen City PLF-100 x 1

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 1

Tool Scrapper DRX-116 x 1

Max Potion EPO-94 x 1

Energy Search BCR-128 x 2

Darkness Energy x 11



SAMUEL BATTIS

JUNIOR DIVISION

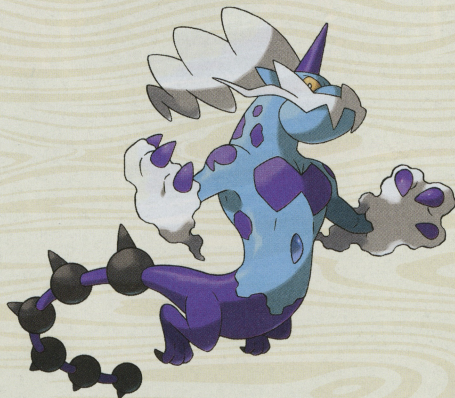
FOURTH PLACE

AGE: 10

COUNTRY: United States

DECK: Plasma Grind

INTERESTING FACT: Got his first TCG cards in a Burger King promotion!



Sammy Battis took a tough route to the Top 4: he came in through the Last Chance Qualifiers, commonly known as the Grinder. However, his experience at Nationals this year prepared him for it. "I played in the Last Chance Qualifiers at Nationals and needed to win my final match, but didn't. I think that prepared me...and the Worlds Grinder definitely worked out better for me!" As for the secrets behind his skills—"Well, I went to 4 different Leagues in the run-up to this year's event, and I played the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online until hours after my bedtime a lot..."

PLASMA GRIND

Deoxys-EX PLF-53 x 4

Kyurem PLF-31 x 3

Thundurus-EX PLF-38 x 2

Absol PLF-67 x 2

Audino BCR-126 x 1

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 4

Colress PLS-118 x 3

Skyla BCR-134 x 2

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 4

Switch BCR-135 x 4

Colress Machine PLS-119 x 3

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Float Stone PLF-99 x 2

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 2

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Plasma Energy PLS-127 x 4

Prism Energy NXD-93 x 4

Blend Energy ⚡⚡⚡⚡ DRX-118 x 3

Blend Energy ⚡⚡⚡⚡ DRX-117 x 1







KAIWEN CABBABE

SENIOR DIVISION

WORLD CHAMPION

AGE: 15

COUNTRY: Australia

DECK: Plasmaustralia

INTERESTING FACT: Tested his Worlds deck against all other expected decks—except Garbodor.

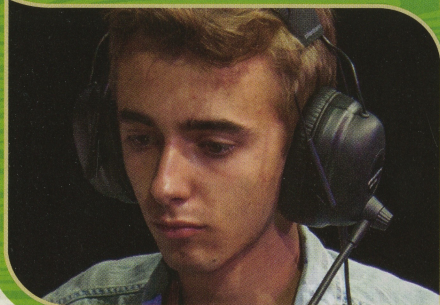
"My strategy was always to think positive and focus on the matchup," says Kaiwen Cabbabe. "But, I was worried to play against so many good Seniors." From here on, it's likely that other Seniors will worry about playing him—it's his first competitive season (though he's played the game for three years), and he's already a World Champion! And, though meeting and battling famous Pokémon TCG players, seeing all that Worlds had to offer, and taking the TCG Senior title are deeply memorable, his standout moment of the championships occurred early on with his own misplay, a desperate recovery, and, ultimately the victory that set him on his way to the finals in front of a roaring crowd.

PLASMAUSTRALIA



Kyurem PLF-31 x 3
 Deoxys-EX PLF-53 x 4
 Thundurus-EX PLF-38 x 2
 Absol PLF-67 x 1
 Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 1
 Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4
 N DEX-96 x 4
 Bianca EPO-90 x 1
 Skyla BCR-134 x 2
 Colress PLS-118 x 2
 Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4
 Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 4
 Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 2
 Colress Machine PLS-119 x 3

Max Potion EPO-94 x 1
 Float Stone PLF-99 x 3
 Switch BCR-135 x 2
 Team Plasma Ball PLF-105 x 2
 Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 1
 Computer Search BCR-137 x 1
 Lightning Energy x 1
 Prism Energy NXD-93 x 4
 Blend Energy ⚡ ⚙️ 🌀 DRX-118 x 4
 Plasma Energy PLF-106 x 4



CLEMENT LAMBERTON

SENIOR DIVISION

SECOND PLACE

AGE: 15

COUNTRY: France

DECK: Anguille Sous Roche

INTERESTING FACT: Discovered the TCG at the world-famous Cannes Festival in France!

Unlike many who arrived at the Pokémon TCG World Championships, Clement Lamberton wasn't playing with a deck he'd spent months honing to perfection: "I chose my deck on the Wednesday before Worlds as it looked like a good idea at the time, so I've only been playing it for a few days." That deck and his talent proved to be enough to carry him all the way to the title game. Not that he sees it that way, as he makes sure to thank TPCi, volunteers, the other players, and his Pokémon League friends back home in Nice, France, for helping polish his skills and giving him the experience of a lifetime!

ANGUILLE SOUS ROCHE

Rayquaza-EX DRX-85 x 3

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 2

Eelektrik NVI-40 x 4

Tynamo NVI-38 x 4

Victini NVI-15 x 1

Raikou-EX DEX-38 x 1

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 4

Colress PLS-118 x 3

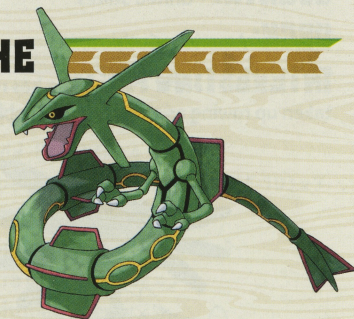
Float Stone PLF-99 x 4

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 4

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 3

Energy Search BCR-128 x 1

Super Rod DRV-20 x 2



Dowsing Machine PLS-128 x 1

Tropical Beach PR-BW50 x 3

Level Ball NXD-89 x 4

Lightning Energy x 8

Fire Energy x 4



IAN WHITON

SENIOR DIVISION

THIRD PLACE

AGE: 13

COUNTRY: United States

DECK: American Gothic

INTERESTING FACT: He has recently taken up rowing as a (very tough) hobby.



"This was the first year I felt really calm," says Ian Whifton. "I knew that the competition would be a lottery, so I thought I'd just go out there and see what happened." What happened was that the five-year TCG veteran made it all the way to the Top 4 matches! And, while he's been honing and modifying his deck since Spring Battle Roads and playing at every opportunity with his family and friends, he's at pains to point out that the TCG isn't his *only* interest: "I got invitations to Worlds in both TCG and VG," he says, not with bravado, but with the pride that comes from hard work.

AMERICAN GOTHIC

Mew-EX DRX-46 x 2

Accelgor DEX-11 x 2

Shelmet DEX-10 x 3

Gothitelle EPO-47 x 3

Gothorita EPO-46 x 1

Gothita EPO-43 x 4

Musharna NXD-59 x 1

Munna BLW-48 x 1

Dusknair BCR-63 x 1

Duskull BCR-61 x 1

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 1

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 3

Colress PLS-118 x 2

Skyla BCR-134 x 4

Rare Candy DEX-100 x 4

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Level Ball NXD-89 x 2

Pokémon Communication BLW-99 x 2

Float Stone PLF-99 x 3

Tropical Beach PR-BW50 x 2

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 3

Super Rod DRV-20 x 1

Town Map BCR-136 x 1

Tool Scrapper DRX-116 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Double Colorless Energy NXD-92 x 4



JOEY GAFFNEY

SENIOR DIVISION

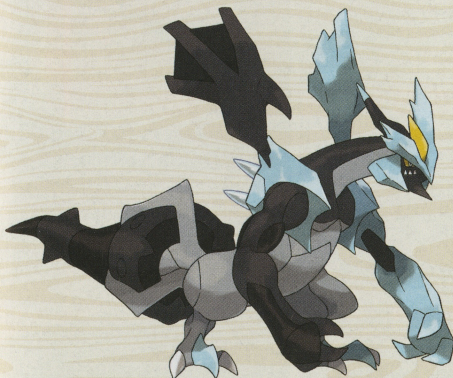
FOURTH PLACE

AGE: 15

COUNTRY: Canada

DECK: Mountain Eater

INTERESTING FACT: In his spare time, he practices magic card tricks!



Joey Gaffney credits his father as one of the driving forces in his TCG endeavors. Not only does he play the TCG with his dad during the week (when he's not attending one of the three Pokémon Leagues he's involved with), but his dad also helped him test his deck in the run-up to Worlds. In fact, as Joey puts it, "He had a deck I kept losing to, so I decided I should probably use it in competition!" And, when asked for the highlight of his championships, the response is instant: "Playing here, in Vancouver! It's local, and that definitely brought some home advantage." We'll see just how much next year in DC!

MOUNTAIN EATER

Black Kyurem-EX PLS-95 x 2

Blastoise BCR-31 x 3

Keldeo-EX DEX-38 x 3

Squirtle BCR-29 x 4

Wartortle BCR-30 x 1

Colress PLS-118 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Energy Retrieval BLW-92 x 1

Float Stone PLF-99 x 1

Level Ball NXD-89 x 1

Max Potion EPO-94 x 2

N DEX-96 x 3

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

Rare Candy DEX-100 x 4

Skyla BCR-134 x 4

Superior Energy Retrieval PLF-103 x 3

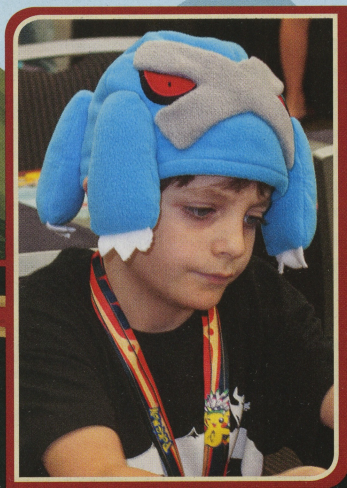
Tool Scrapper DRX-116 x 1

Tropical Beach PR-BW50 x 2

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Lightning Energy x 2

Water Energy x 10







JASON KLACZYNSKI

MASTERS DIVISION

WORLD CHAMPION

AGE: 27

COUNTRY: United States

DECK: Darkrai

INTERESTING FACT: His favorite TCG card at present is Sableye due to its extreme versatility in battle.

Jason's is a well-known name in Pokémon circles...in fact, with his victory at this year's championships, he becomes the *only* three-time World Champion the Pokémon TCG has ever seen! When quizzed on his phenomenal success, he has this to say: "I'm very confident in my ability. But, I'm also aware that this is a game with a luck factor. Not only that, but the competition here just gets better year on year—I really didn't think I'd be here again!" And, when pressed on his repeated returns to competition? "I've been very fortunate. I think people respect that I'm sportsmanlike, and I really consider this a game of friendship. It's unique."

DARKRAI

Darkrai-EX DEX-63 x 4

Sableye DEX-62 x 3

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 2

Mr. Mime PLF-47 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 2

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 4

Dark Patch DEX-93 x 4

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

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Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Energy Switch BLW-94 x 3



Bicycle PLS-117 x 2

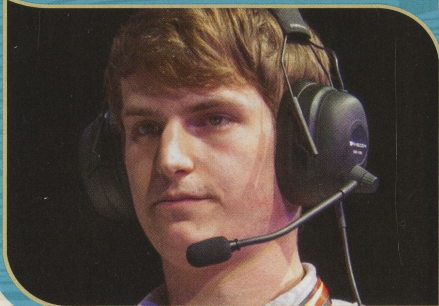
Dark Claw DEX-92 x 2

Enhanced Hammer DEX-94 x 2

Energy Search BCR-128 x 1

Tool Scrapper DRX-116 x 1

Darkness Energy x 10



SIMON NARODE

MASTERS DIVISION

SECOND PLACE

AGE: 21

COUNTRY: United States

DECK: Comeback Plasma

INTERESTING FACT: He lists dancing, writing, and art as his hobbies.

When reflecting on this season, only his second one as a competitive player, Simon Narode will remember most just how hard he pushed himself. "I went all out," he said. "I started testing my deck during the *Plasma Storm* Prerelease, kept tweaking it throughout the rest of the season, and came all the way to the Masters' Final with it!" As a player, he favors watching and waiting for his opponent to make his or her intentions clear, and then, "I probably come across as nervous and stern—I'm extremely focused."

COMEBACK PLASMA



Deoxys-EX PLF-53 x 3

Thundurus-EX PLF-38 x 2

Kyurem PLF-31 x 2

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 2

Lugia-EX PLS-108 x 1

Absol PLF-67 x 1

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 3

Colress Machine PLS-119 x 3

Float Stone PLF-99 x 3

Team Plasma Ball PLF-105 x 2

Max Potion EPO-94 x 2

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 1

Enhanced Hammer DEX-94 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 1

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

N DEX-96 x 4

Colress PLS-118 x 4

Skyla BCR-134 x 3

Prism Energy NXD-93 x 4

Blend Energy ⚡⚡⚡⚡ DRX-118 x 4

Plasma Energy PLF-106 x 4

Double Colorless Energy NXD-92 x 1



JAMES GOOD

MASTERS DIVISION

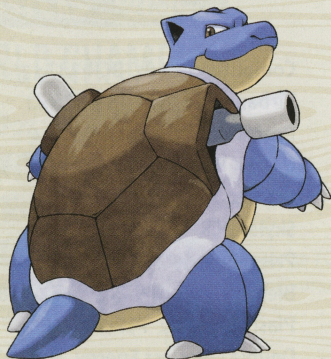
THIRD PLACE

AGE: 27

COUNTRY: United States

DECK: Tropical Turtle Wave

INTERESTING FACT: He returned to the TCG after years away when EXs were reintroduced—and has been hooked ever since.



James Good thinks his relative obscurity as a TCG player helped propel him into the Top 4 this year: "I'm only known locally, so I felt that I had an advantage because people have a tendency to overlook me." However, people really started to notice him after he eliminated an undefeated player at the Top 8 stage—and they'll be watching out for him next year, as he attempts to go one round further in the competition! He knows it won't be easy, but, as he says, "I want my result this year to be inspirational. I want people to believe in themselves, ignore negativity, and be who they want to be!"

TROPICAL TURTLE WAVE

Squirtle BCR-29 x 4

Wartortle BCR-30 x 1

Blastoise BCR-31 x 4

Keldeo-EX BCR-49 x 3

Black Kyurem-EX PLS-95 x 2

Skyla BCR-134 x 4

N DEX-96 x 3

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 3

Colress PLS-118 x 1

Cilan NXD-86 x 1

Tropical Beach PR-BW28 x 4

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Heavy Ball NXD-88 x 1

Level Ball NXD-89 x 1

Rare Candy DEX-100 x 4

Superior Energy Retrieval PLF-103 x 4

Pokémon Catcher DEX-111 x 3

Tool Scrapper DRX-116 x 1

Computer Search BCR-137 x 1

Energy Search BCR-128 x 1

Lightning Energy x 2

Water Energy x 9

**DUSTIN ZIMMERMAN****MASTERS DIVISION****FOURTH PLACE****AGE:** 21**COUNTRY:** United States**DECK:** Floatoxin**INTERESTING FACT:** If he could be any Pokémon character, he'd be Karen...because he believes she is the least known of the Johto Elite Four.

For Dustin Zimmerman, simply being at Vancouver's 2013 World Championships was an unforgettable experience. Coming from a family lacking in other TCG players, he built and tested his deck primarily with the help of his friends in Team Hovercats and also playing the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online. So, to arrive at the center of the Pokémon world, battle, and finish in the Top 4 was overwhelming...especially when a last-minute decision to play a 70HP Trubbish instead of a 60HP one avoided a defeat in the Top 8 matches. On tiny decisions, glory is won!

FLOATOXIN

Sableye DEX-62 x 4

Trubbish DRX-53 x 2

Garbodor DRX-54 x 2

Darkrai-EX DEX-63 x 2

Sneasel NXD-69 x 1

N DEX-96 x 4

Professor Juniper DEX-98 x 4

Skyla BCR-134 x 2

Ghetsis PLF-101 x 1

Float Stone PLF-99 x 4

Pokémon Catcher EPO-95 x 4

Crushing Hammer EPO-92 x 3

Hypnotoxic Laser PLS-123 x 3

Ultra Ball DEX-102 x 3

Dark Patch DEX-93 x 2

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Random Receiver PLS-138 x 2

Energy Switch BLW-94 x 1

Life Dew PLF-107 x 1

Super Rod DRV-20 x 1

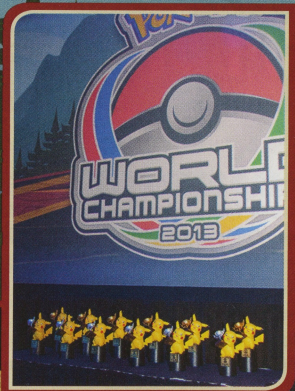
Switch BCR-135 x 1

Tool Scrapper DRX-116 x 1

Virbank City Gym PLS-126 x 2

Darkness Energy x 8





Masters Championship Match



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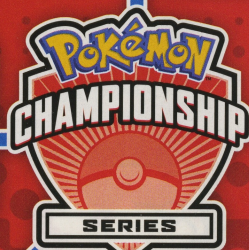
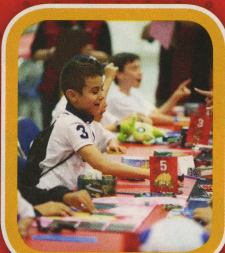


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